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CSS-2 LAUNCH TRAINING ACTIVITY  
LAUNCH SITE A, WU-CHAI MISSILE TEST COMPLEX, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: CSS-2 training activity including a launch continued at launch site A during late June and early July.
2. REMARKS: Missile training activity has been observed on several occasions in the vicinity of launch site A between April and July 1974. Launch training preparations observed immediately preceded an actual launch of a CSS-2 IRBM. This firing was the first CSS-2 missile to be fired from Wu-chai since May 1972.

a CSS-2 transporter-erector was on the launch pad and a line of 14 support vehicles extended in an easterly direction from the pad. Included in the line of support vehicles were a warhead van and a launch stand on its transporter.

most of the CSS-2 ground support equipment observed in the vicinity of the launch pad had been moved to the main support base, and a CSS-2 missile was erected on the launch pad. Two launch control/monitoring van trucks were positioned near the pad in preparation for launch.

Missile training activity observed resembles that which preceded the launch. However, it does not necessarily indicate another launch as CSS-2 IRBMs previously have been seen on the launch pad that were not immediately followed by a missile launch.

a canvas-covered CSS-2 transporter-erector and a launch stand were on the launch pad. Also, 15 support vehicles and a trailer were parked in a line extending in an easterly direction from the pad, similar to those observed during April, May and June preceding the launch.

When next observed, a CSS-2 missile without a warhead was in a horizontal position on its transporter-erector backed-up to the launch stand near the center of the pad. A probable open warhead van with a mobile crane alongside was just off the northeast edge of the pad.

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